

Minutes
Urban Forestry & Beautification Commission
May 25, 2016

Members Present: Jansen Litter, John Kutney, Alex Teass, Andrew Heckaman, Gail Bason, Corrie Carswell, and Mike Lippert (Staff Representative)

Others Present: Brad Bonham

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Corrie motioned to approve and Andrew seconded; all in favor.

Reports from Subcommittees:

Street Trees: Memo to Terry Huxel regarding suggestions for ways to prevent the problems we had with the last order. Gail motioned to send an email to set up a meeting with Terry. John seconded, all in agreement. Jansen, Alex, and Brad will set up a meeting to discuss our concerns and suggestions for an improved street tree ordering process.

Green Areas Trust: Nothing new.

Public Planting: Nothing new.

Awards: Front yard/back yard: explain that we CAN take backyards but submissions visible from the street will be given more weight. John dissented because he doesn't feel it is in the spirit of rewarding improvements to the community/curb appeal, focus on curb appeal. Alex motioned that we judge the nominations based on their curb appeal and contribution property value. Weight given to curb appeal. Corrie seconded, motion passed.

We have received some nominations: three landscapes and two trees. Deadline will be mid- June so we can review at the June meeting. John will send a reminder on NextDoor for people to send in nominations.

Annual Report: Presentation to Council seemed to go well; Council seemed to appreciate the format and the data given, stressed this Commission's desire to be a good partner to the City.

How do we work more collaboratively with the City to be mutually beneficial?
Street trees (input on tree selection), seminars for PW, workshops, annual flower selection.

Brad received a request to look at the trees at 720 Oak, she marked four trees for conservation when the house comes down.

John asked about the city's schedule for removing the Village Green plantings. He noted that it would be great to schedule the removals before the event season this summer, if possible.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Corrie Carswell